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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: K. Aratani, et al.

SERIAL NO.: 09/429,719

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FOR: THIN FILM FORMATION USE
SPUTTERING TARGET MATERIAL,
THIN FILM FORMED USING SAME,
AND OPTICAL RECORDING MEDIUM

CASE NO.: 9792486-0100

EXAMINER: R. McDonald

GROUP ART UNIT: 1753

DATE: October 10, 2001

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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated May 11, 2001, for two (2) months from August 11, 2001 to October 11, 2001. The extension fee of \$110.00 was previously submitted with the Response to Final Office Action filed on September 12, 2001. A check in the amount of \$290.00 for the additional extension fee is submitted herewith for a total amount of \$400.00.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required, as well as any patent application processing fees associated with this communication for which full payment has not been tendered, to Deposit Account No. 19-3140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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